

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-18 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the Amendments and Remarks as set forth herein below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 5 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In light of this indication, independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to respectively include the subject matter recited in claims 5 and 12. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 8 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable and the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-11, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Zaremba is moot.

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

It is gratefully acknowledged the Examiner has recognized the Applicants' claim for foreign priority. Because the Applicants' claim for foreign priority has been perfected, no additional action is required from the Applicants at this time.

DRAWINGS

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has approved the Formal Drawings submitted by the Applicants as discussed in a telephone conference on September 27, 2005. The drawings comply with the requirements of the USPTO. No further action is necessary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner has acknowledged the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 23, 2004. An initialed copy of the PTO-1449 has been received from the Examiner. No further action is necessary at this time.

NEW CLAIMS

In addition, new claims 15-18 have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope, and Applicants submit the new claims are supported by the originally filed specification. In particular, new claim 15 is similar to subject matter recited in original claims 8 and 9 and recites that the hexagonal engaging recess formed on a distal end of the impeller is for engaging an enlarged diameter hexagonal head of the bolt for positioning the bolt relative to said rotational shaft such that the bolt is relatively unrotatably with respect to the impeller and thereby the bolt is further tightened by a resistance that the impeller receives from a cooling liquid within said pump housing. These features are supported at least by Figure 5 and paragraph [0043] of the present application.

On the contrary, the screw 7 in Zaremba appears to be circular and not in an engaged fashion with the recess, which is evidenced because there is space between the head of the screw 7 and the sides of the recess portion formed in the pump wheel 8.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted new independent claim 15 and each of the claims depending therefrom are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but to merely show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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